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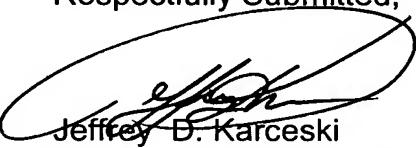
The reference(s) were cited in a counterpart foreign application in China. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

Also enclosed is a Japanese Office Action dated March 8, 2005 for Application No. 2003-161032. All but one of the references cited in the Japanese Office Action were submitted for consideration on August 28, 2003 and December 28, 2004, and therefor are not enclosed.

The undersigned respectfully notes that copies of U.S. references are not required in applications filed after June 30, 2003.

English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto, and are relied upon for a statement of relevance for those references.

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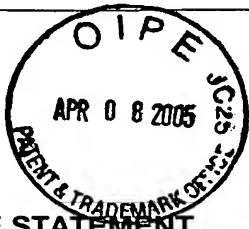
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